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For: METHODS FOR COMMUNICATING BUSINESS MACHINES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2006, the time for responding thereto being extended in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.